

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 941

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pat Highers of Gallatin High School upon her selection as Sumner County's Teacher of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Pat Highers is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Highers, a language and social studies teacher at Gallatin High School, has recently been selected as Sumner County's Teacher of the Year in the high school category, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Pat Highers began working for the Sumner County School System in August of 1983, and she has served with acumen and alacrity for over twenty-two years at Gallatin High School; during this time, as the Dean of Women at Gallatin High School noted, "She's wonderful. She's just one of those that bends over backwards to help students if they will help themselves."; and

WHEREAS, in addition to teaching language and social studies, Ms. Highers also oversees the remediation program, where students who are in danger of losing an academic credit can come for guidance and assistance; and

WHEREAS, Pat Highers is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who has worked assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, Ms. Higher's friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated and active member of her community, Pat Highers truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest principles

of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Ms. Pat Highers of Gallatin High School upon being chosen as Sumner County's Teacher of the Year, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee as a dedicated teacher, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.